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Two Utah National Guardsmen Promoted to Colonel

DRAPER, Utah — Recently, in separate ceremonies, two Utah National Guard officers were promoted to colonel.

Lieutenant Col. Kurt R. Davis, of Salem, received his promotion to colonel in a ceremony at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City July 1, which saw Davis's wife, Vickie and his mother, Beverly Davis, pin the eagle rank on his epaulets.

A KC-135 navigator with 2,200 hours of flight time in his career, Davis has been a member of the Utah Air National Guard since 1989. Currently, he is the full-time Director of Staff, Utah Air National Guard. He has also served as director of the State Partnership Program with Morocco, Utah Air National Guard community manager, wing executive officer and chief of current operations.

Since 2001, he has deployed five times with the Utah Air Guard in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Lieutenant Col. James A. Brown, a native of Cedar City and a resident of Morgan, was pinned in front of family, friends and colleagues during a ceremony in Cedar City April 28.

Brown, a 25-year veteran of the Utah Guard, currently serves as full-time director of logistics for the Utah National Guard. In his career he has served as commander of the Utah National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion, executive officer for 97th Troop Command and executive officer for First Battalion, 145th Field Artillery. He deployed with the 1-145th Field Artillery to provide support to civil authorities for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City and also deployed with the 1-145th for Operation Noble Eagle in 2002-2003.

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